

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Panel C of FIG 4B shows a Western blot (~~anti-phsopho-smad2~~ anti-phospho-smad2 primary antibody) demonstrating the induction of phosphorylation of Smad2 with media conditioned by COS cells expressing the indicated TGF- β proteins.